

## 2020/21 Season Commodores Report

### (General Committee report)



The season of 2020/21 was anything but normal. With COVID effecting the end of the 2019/20 season, the start of this season was looking very shaky. In October, we were not even sure if the club would open for sailing, let alone be able to run any regattas. We eventually got the sailing season going after a delayed start and were able to run several successful regattas. Unfortunately, the weather gods were not as kind to us for the club sailing season.

Over the winter, the renovation of the female change room and the addition of the disabled bathroom, lift and new stairs were completed. These features have enabled our club to be more inclusive for all members. The future of the on water rescue/race management fleet has also been improved by the purchase of a new Bar Crusher, thanks to a generous donation. The club also secured a new tractor at the start of the season. The club is now in fantastic shape financially with money in the bank due to several government grants.

Now, onto a few thankyou's...

Firstly, a huge thanks to the General Committee members who have stepped up in this very difficult-to-run season. I would especially like to mention Scott Watson, for his enthusiasm and 'never give up' attitude, he is a fantastic asset to the club and we are lucky to have him. Also, thanks to Ian Cunningham for returning to the GC as treasurer. He has put in many hours to help our club. Akemi's tireless work in the canteen and organisation has enabled us to hold this year's few social events. Thanks to Priscilla Kopp for all her help in the background over the years – she never wants recognition and I am only writing this to embarrass her. Greg Newman stepped up to the roll of yard master on short notice. He has done an excellent job and it looks like he has more plans for the future. Thanks to Michael Paynter who helped us obtain many grants and sponsorship over the years. And lastly, thanks to Steve Brayshaw for stocking the bar and for his work with the Ronstan Regatta.

Mark O'Brien is stepping down from the role of Club Secretary this year. He has done a fabulous job on the General Committee and has fulfilled many roles over the years including Commodore, Treasurer and regatta manager. Thanks for all of your hard work, Mark. Also thanks to Paul Jenkins who came back onto the GC to help mentor others. Next season, he will be resigning from this committee but will take up the role of House Manager.

I will not be continuing on as Commodore next season. I have been on club committees for eleven of the past twelve years and have enjoyed most of it. I've got a new boat, so bring on the next season.

I'd like to extend my best wishes to the incoming committee. The support and respect of all club members to these volunteers is very important.

Below is some of the club expenditure for the next season. Thanks to our major sponsors Hockingstuart/Belle property and Bendigo bank for their ongoing support over the years.

The club is going great. Keep sailing. Keep calmer.

Cheers

Jon Knorr - Commodore

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Expected Club Expenditure for next season:

All costs are approximate at this point in time.

### House Committee

- Re keying the club - \$10,000
- External painting - \$6,000

### Sailing Committee

- Trailer for McLure - \$10,000
- 1 No. Wind gear for Investigator - \$1500
- 2 No. iPads (second hand for Sign Off) - \$500
- 4 No. chairs suitable for bench in tower - \$1400
- 3 No. VHF hand held radios with club frequency (replacing existing which no longer work) - \$2100
- 2 No. fixed marine radios with club frequency (for use in boats) - \$600
- 1 No. automatic starter for Freedom - \$550
- 12 No. inflatable PFDs (changing old equipment) - \$1200

### Training Centre

- 6 Opti's - \$7,700 53.75% discount due Whitworth's sponsorship (was \$18,000)
- 3 training sailboards - \$5,000
- Promotional video - \$2,500

### Canteen

- (Half Size Digital /Electric Convection Oven) - \$2,500
- Electrics for above - \$300

### Yard

- Self-drive wide cut mower - \$1,000
- Create a door in the container for above - \$2,000
- Whipper Snipper - \$400
- Re-organise the sailboard / SUP rack - \$1,100
- Excavate ground and sleeper wall for Training Centre boats - \$2,000